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MINUTES

OF

THE LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

FELLOWSHIP M. H., JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.

ON THE 16TH, 17TH, AND 18TH OF OCTOBER, 1840.

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The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Burwell Temple, from 5th John, 3rd chapter, and part of the 1st verse—"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!"

The Association then met according to adjournment.

1. Chose Burwell Temple Moderator.

2. Chose Elder J. H. Kennedy clerk, and Henry Avry assistant.

3. Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations were called for, and invited to seats—whereupon Elder Humphrey Stallings and W. Sands, from the Kehukee Association; Elder Azel Peacock, Peter Ryla, and Thompson Craven, from Abbott's Creek Union Association; Elder Benjamin Bynum, from Contentnea Association; Elder Willis Wells, James Wilder, Durham Hall, James Smith, Thos. Lattey, and Jesse Parker, from Country Line Association; and Samuel Hould, from White Oak Association, all came forward, took seats with us, and presented sundry copies of their Minutes.

4. Appointed Bro. R. N. Gully and John Boon a Committee of Finance.

5. Corresponding Letters from Churches composing this Association, were called for, and noted as follows:

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	REPRESENTATIVES.	CON.
Rockey Springs,	Johnston,	Wiley Whitley, and R. N. Gulley,	$00 50
Contentnea	Nash,	Stephen Boykin,	1 00
Salem,	Johnston,	Stephen O'Neal, Bur. Temple, and Benjamin Hoket,	1 50

Bethel,	Wake,	George Nance,	1 00
Middle Creek,	"	Ezekiel Young, and James Williams,	00 50
Hanner's Creek,	Johnston,	Jesse Adams, J. G. Woodal, and James K. Barber,	2 00
Willow Springs,	Wake,	Pinkney Partin, and Acral Myatt,	1 00
Bulah,	Johnston,	John Joiner, and Elias Barnes,	1 50
Reedy Prong,	"	Jonathan Wood, and William Peacock,	1 00
Johnston Union,	"	William Brown, Jo. Woodard, and Joshua Creach,	00 40
Cross Roads,	"	Berry Woodell, and James H. Sasser,	1 00
Mount Gillead,	"	John Boon, and Cambell Cordel,	00 50
Fellowship,	"	David Stephenson, Sutton Byrd, and John H. Kenady,	1 25
Black River,	Cumberland,	William Coats, and Needham Moore,	1 00
Neel's Creek,	"	Wm. Johnston, and Aaron Norden,	00 75
Little Sister,	Johnston,	(Not represented.)	
Cedar Grove,	Wake,	Willie Powel, and John Harrison,	00 75
Juniper,	Johnston,	Robert Massengail, Eph. Evans, and S. Lee,	00 50
Seven Miles,	Sampson,	Isham Mecham, and James Wilson,	1 50
Rehobath,*	Johnston,	Elder J. Lassiter, and Zacariah Jones,	1 00

6. Appointed Elders Benj. Bynum, Azel Peacock, James Wilder, Samuel Hold, Humphrey Stallings, and Burwell Temple, a committee to examine the Circular Letter.

7. Proceeded to appoint Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations with which we correspond. To Kehukee Association: Elders John H. Kenady, Jesse Adams, and Jacob G. Woodal. To White Oak Association: Elders James Wilson and James Lassiter. To Country Line Association: Elders George Nance, Burwell Temple, John H. Kenady, Aaron Norden, Moore Stephenson, and R. M. G. Gulley.—

* Rehobath was added to the Association this session.

To Contentnea Association: James K. Barber and Moore Stephenson. To Abbott's Creek Association: Elders George Nance, Burwell Temple, and R. M. Gulley. Also appointed Elders Jesse Adams and Burwell Temple to attend Contentnea Association, for 1841.

The Counties, times, and Meeting Houses, of the above named Associations, were given as follows: The Kehukee Association, Edgcombe county, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1841, with the church at Little Conetor. The Country Line Association, Orange county, commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1841, with the church at Harmony. The Abbott's Creek Association, Randolph county, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1841, with the church at Brush Creek. The White Oak Association, Duplin county, commencing on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1841, with the church at Muddy Creek.

8. The Committee of Finance reported:

Received from the Churches this year,		$18 65
Balance on hand of last year,		2 48¾
		21 13¾
Paid for printing these Minutes,	$12 00	
Paid B. Temple for transcribing these Minutes, and superintending the printing the same,	7 00	
		19 00
Leaving a balance on hand, of		2 13¾

9. The committee appointed to examine the Circular Letter, reported and was discharged. The Letter was read, received, and ordered to be annexed to these Minutes.

10. Appointed our next Association to be holden with the church at Cedar Grove, Wake county, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1841.

11. Appointed Elder James Wilson to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder John H. Kenady his alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

12. Appointed Elder James Wilson to write our next Circular Letter, and chose his subject.

13. The query from Cedar Grove Church, presented to our last Association and referred to this, was withdrawn by the delegation from that church.

14. Appointed brethren to occupy the stand on Lord's Day, viz:

Elders Willis Wells. Humphrey Stallings, and James Wilder. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

15. Appointed Burwell Temple to transcribe and superintend the printing of these Minutes, (400 copies,) and ordered that he be allowed for his services $7 00.

16. Adjourned, to time and place above mentioned, with prayer by Elder Azel Peacock.

The brethren appointed to preach on Sunday, met a large and respectable congregation. Elder Wells introduced the service of the day, from John, ch. 14, v. 27—"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Elder Stallings followed, from first John, ch. 3, v. 1—"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!"—Elder Wilder concluded, from John, ch. 11, the latter clause of v. 28—"The Master is come, and calleth for thee."

We pray that a blessing may attend the labors of the day.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

TO THE BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren: According to the usual custom, you no doubt are expecting an Epistle from us, more particular to your religious edification in these cold trying times, through which the Church of God is passing; and we know of none of more importance than that treated of in first John, ch. 3, v. 1—"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!"—Here, you will observe, the Holy Ghost, through the Apostle, addresses us with a note of attention. Behold—look at it—consider it—compare it with all other love, and see how far it excels it in its existence, it powers, its duration, and in its blessed effects upon sinners! First we will notice this Love—what it is. In a word, it is God. God is love—of course its existence is from everlasting. "I have loved thee with an everlasting love." Then this love is to be understood as existing before the world was, as the Savior of sinners hath said: "And thou lovest them as thou hast loved me, and thou lovest me before the world was." So, dear brethren, you see you were loved of God before the world was; and as this love is everlasting, it will never change.—"I am the Lord—I change not."—No, not even when his children are children of wrath, as others. "But God commendeth his love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." But the objector will say, How can God love us while in our sins, as he cannot look upon sin with the least allowance? To this we answer, in Christ and no where else—in Christ, yes, according as "he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world," &c. "But God, who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins," &c.

Thus, brethren, you were loved in Christ—saved in Christ by the blood of the Everlasting Covenant; Christ as a lamb slain for you, considered in the covenant of peace, which was between them both. In this covenant all the sins of Christ's people were cancelled, or made Christ's, to whom justice turned its eye for satisfaction; to the Son of God, who has done according to covenant understanding; and through this channel love, mercy, truth, righteousness, &c. can flow into the

sinner's soul, and his train fill the Temple. Well may it be said, brethren, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us!" O, brethren, it is a source of solid comfort to those that have eyes to see; when we further reflect, that the rich arrangement of wisdom was all done without any foreseen merit in us as the reason why. This manner of love far surpasses any human reason; but we only have to say that before the children were yet born, neither having done good or evil. "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." Thus we may exclaim, "O, the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God," and power and nature of this love; it is stronger than death, Brethren; for hear the Savior: "And I lay down my life for the sheep." O, love, when we look at the ploughers making long their furrows in the dear flesh of Jesus; when we look to that dear head of his and see a platted crown of thorns piercing it; when we look to those dear hands of his, and view the nails rushed through, fastening to the tree of the cross; likewise his feet—do you hear this love say I faint, I can't go further? No. You hear it, after the resurrection, "O, death, where is thy sting? O, grave, where is thy victory?"

The Lord Jesus Christ is our love, and the Church is his love.—Our love has arisen and ascended at the right hand of the Father, and is making intercession for us, according to the will of God. "I have (says Christ) compared thee, O, my love, to a company of horses in Pharoah's chariot;" and says the Church: "As the lillies among thorns, so is my love among the daughters." Thus God's love is the Church, and the Churches love is God—then, "behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us!"

This love differs from all other loves. First: because there is no first cause assigned us further than I have loved thee with an everlasting love; but on the Churches part, there is a cause—we love God because he first loved us. All other loves have a cause; Adam's love to Eve is because she is bone of his bone; and God gave her him as a helpmate; all loves that have a first cause have a last end. But the love of God has no end; it is immaterial how dear a husband and wife may be to each other, it ends in death. But the love of God bestowed on us, is not so. There is much lucrative love which may be turned into hatred, and is as cruel as the grave; but God's love is different from this; whom he loves, he loves unto the end; and instead of its being removed for transgression, he chastises and yet loves; it is the love of God breaks the heart of stone; it is this love that draws the soul to him; his righteousness and people in love, which presents holiness

beautiful and desirable; which causes it to hunger and thirst after it; it is this love in the morning of your deliverance that made you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory; it is this love of God that faith worked by, that made all things new; it was this love that made you love the brethren. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren; and it was this love that made you love poor sinners; and in fact it made Jesus Christ altogether lovely and the chiefest among ten thousands; it is this love that enables you to bear one another's burdens; and it is this love that draws us to keep God's commandments. The nature of it, is not to puff up; it thinketh no evil, or intends no evil; but it loves your enemies; it bears long; indeed it is the fulfilling of the law. O, then what manner of love; there is none to be compared to it; it can make a broken heart whole; the lame to take up his bed and walk; yea, it being applied to a soul, can make a sick body feel well; yea, it can cause all the sorrows of a troubled breast to cease, and the soul in a state of sweet tranquility in a moment; it is this love that will abide forever, will never leave nor forsake. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. This love (God) is in you, and greater is he that is in you and for you than he that is against you. So then, brethren, you are kept by the powers of God; it is this love, brethren, that opened the windows of Heaven and showed Stephen, Jesus at the right hand of God; and likewise you, when you come to die, the power of it can welcome death, having the pleasing prospects of eternal life; just before, can cause you to lean your head on Jesus' breast, and breathe your life out sweetly there. It was this love that enabled the Saints of old to bear the fire, gibbits, and death in various forms. We may say, in conclusion, with the Queen of Sheba, "the half has not been told you." Suffice it to say, in the language of the text, "behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God." Yes, this love will live when death itself is dead; you will go into Heaven with it, and there to behold its glory, its beauty, and live in the sweet enjoyment of that rest that remains for the people of God; there you will not only be called the sons of God, but be heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ Jesus our Lord, for ever and ever; to hear no more the voice of your oppressors; and sorrow and sighing shall flee away; and sing in the sweet embrace, the new song, the song of Moses and the Lamb.

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MINUTES

OF THE

LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held with the Church at Beulah M. H., Johnston Co., N. C., on the 27th, 28th and 29th of Sept. 1861.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Josiah Coats, from Romans, 8th chap. 14th verse—"for as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

2. After a short recess, the brethren came together, and, after praise and prayer by Elder J. H. Kenneday, the Association was organized by appointing Elder J. H. Kenneday Moderator, and James Wilson, Clerk, who called to his assistance, R. N. Gully.

3. Appointed Eld. M. Stephenson and E. Stuart a Committee of Finance.

4. Called for corresponding and visiting brethren from sister Associations—the following brethren being present, seated themselves: Eld. Shadrach Pate, and Elders P. Mewbern and T. W. Wells, and brother Lemuel S. Hardie, visitants; from White Oak, Eld. Aaron Davis and Jerry W. Yopp; from Kehukee, brother C. A. Scott; Eld. Edward B. Musgrove, from Tennessee, visitant.

5. Letters from the several Churches composing this Association were called for, handed in, read, and their contents noted in the table of Churches. (See table.)

6. Proceeded to appoint corresponding messengers to sister Associations. To Country Line, Elder James Wilson and Eldridge Stewart; to White Oak, Elders J. H. Kenneday and Josiah Coats; to Kehukee, by letter and minutes; to

Abbott's Creek, Fisher's River, Mayo and Staunton River, by minutes.

7. Appointed Eld. J. H. Kenneday to write corresponding letters to Kehukee and Contentnea.

8. Called for a Circular Letter, and one being present, Elders B. Temple, J. H. Kenneday and James Wilson were appointed a Committee of Examination.

9. Brethren appointed to correspond with sister Associations called on to report. Some attended, and those who did not were excused.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Juniper M. H., Johnston county, N. C., to commence on Friday before the last Sunday in September, 1862; Eld. J. H. Kenneday to preach the introductory sermon, and James Wilson his alternate; worship to commence at 11 o'clock. Adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.—Praise and benediction by Eld. A. Davis.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

11. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder A. Davis.

12. Again invited corresponding messengers. No more present.

13. Called the names of delegates and marked the absentees.

14. The Committee of Finance called on to report. The Committee reported that they find on hand from last year, $9 80
Received from the Churches this year, 18 25

Making, $28 05

Report received and Committee discharged.

Paid for printing these minutes,	$10 00	
Paid Clerk for services,	10 00	$20 00
Leaving,		$8 05

15. The Committee of Examination called on to report. Committee reported that they had examined the Circular, and recommend its reading in the Association. Letter read, received, and ordered to be annexed to these minutes, and Committee discharged.

16. Appointed James Wilson to transcribe these minutes, have 700 copies printed and distribute them as usual; have

one copy entered on our record, and that he be allowed $10 for his services; send 43 copies to Kehukee, 28 to Country Line, 36 to Contentnea, 24 to White Oak, 18 to Abbott's Creek, 18 to Fisher's River, 20 to Mayo, and 20 to Stanton's River.

17. The Churches of this Association are arranged as follows, for the purpose of holding section meetings: Section 1st, Cedar Grove, Salem, Neuse, Bethel, Beulah and Contentnea; Section 2d, Cross-Roads, Union, Juniper, Mill Branch and Simpson's Creek; Section 3d, Seven Miles, Reedy Prong, Hannah's Creek, Black River and New Hope; Section 4th, Fellowship, Rehoboth, Middle Creek, Sandy Grove and Willow Spring.

18. Proceeded to appoint section meetings as follows: one in the 3d section, at Reedy Prong, on the 4th Sunday and day before, in Nov., 1861, Elds. J. H. Kenneday and James Wilson to attend; one in the 4th section, at Sandy Grove, on the 3d Sunday and day before, in Aug., 1862, Elds. J. H. Kenneday and J. H. Sasser to attend; one in the 1st section, at Neuse, on the 3d Sunday and day before, in April, 1862, Elds. J. H. Kenneday and James Wilson to attend.

19. Brethren appointed to attend section meetings last year called on to report. Some attended, and those who did not were excused.

20. Appointed Eld. J. H. Kenneday to write a Circular Letter for next year.

21. Appointed preachers to occupy the stand to-morrow, as follows: Elders Aaron Davis, Parrott Mewbern and Edward B. Musgrove. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock. Agreed that the minutes be sent to Mill Branch and Simpson's Creek by mail, post-paid by the Association.

Adjourned to time and place. Praise and prayer by Eld. B. Temple.

J. H. KENNEDAY, *Moderator.*

JAMES WILSON, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

The brethren appointed to occupy the stand to-day attended, (Eld. Mewbern being unwell did not preach.) Eld. A. Davis introduced the services, and preached from Gal., 4th chap. 6th verse, "And because ye are sons God hath sent

forth the spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father." Eld. Musgrove followed, and preached from John, 3d chap. and part of the 9th verse, "How can these things be?" Eld. Temple preached from Jer., 15th ch. 19th verse, "Therefore, thus saith the Lord, if thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them." Eld. Kenneday concluded with an exhortation. The congregation was large and very attentive (in part)—we hope a divine blessing may be added.

TABLE OF CHURCHES.

Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.	Contributns.
Salem,	Johnston,	B. Temple, Irvin Green, R. N. Gully,	$1 00
Contentnea,	Wilson,	Benjamin Simpson, Needham Bailey,	1 00
Middle Creek,	Wake,	Justus Parish, I. Parish, James Wilson,	1 35
Willow Spring,	"	Abel Gower, Alfred Smith,	2 00
Hannah's Creek,	Johnston,	J. Coats, W. Lassiter,* Merit Woodall,*	1 50
Beulah,	"	Robert Hatcher, Starling Battin, Q. Watson,	2 00
Reedy Prong,	"	Josiah L. Blackman, James W. Lee,	1 60
Cross Roads,	"	Levi Oliver, Callan Stallings,	50
Fellowship,	"	J. H. Kenneday, Moore Stephenson,	50
Union,	"	Wms. Brown, Joseph Woodard,	80
Black River,	Harnett,	Not represented.	
Seven Miles,	Sampson,	Uriah Westbrook,	1 00
Rehoboth,	Johnston,	Jarrott T. Johnson, J. H. Jordan,	50
Juniper,	"	R. Massengill, E. Evans,* W. B. Hocott,	50
Mill Branch,	Columbus,	Isaac Wright,* Benjamin Harrelson,*	1 00
New Hope,	Harnett,	Eldridge Stewart,	50
Simpson's Creek,	Horry Dist., S. C.,	Edward C. Gore,* Elmore Carter,*	1 00
Neuse,	Wake,	Not represented.	
Sandy Grove,	Johnston,	John Flowers, Elijah Godwin,	50
Cedar Grove,	Wake,	Wiley Powell, William Hines,*	50
Bethel,	"	Cabert Powell,	50

Absentees marked thus.*

CIRCULAR.

The Elders and Messengers of the Little River Baptist Association, to all whom they represent:

Dear Brethren in the Lord: We are once more permitted to address you by this our Annual Circular. The day in which we live is pregnant with many things which are calculated to mar the peace and happiness of Zion, and we have thought proper to call your attention to a few of them. From the days of Cain, who killed his brother Abel, on down to the present period of time, we find that the world, the flesh and the devil, have always stood in battle array against the "spiritual Israel, or heirs of promise." If we take a retrospective view of the opposition and affliction that the people of God have had to encounter in every age that is past, are we not ready to inquire, why is it that the peculiar people of God have not long since become extinct? They have had to pass through the fiery furnace, the lion's den, the hands of wicked men, the rage of devils, the mock of Ishmaelites, and last, (but not least,) they have had to contend with a malignant and inveterate foe, known by the name of "the old man." Dear brethren, the cause why Zion has not fallen to rise no more, is clearly revealed in the scriptures of eternal truth, and it will be well for us all to be very intimate with those scriptures, in this day of darkness and delusion, whilst many are crying "lo here, and lo there." There is a religion which may truly be called the religion of this world—and the advocates or abettors of this religion have, in every age, been the most violent opposers of the religion of the meek and lowly Jesus. In the days of the incarnation of our highly exalted Prince and Saviour, this religion seemed to be in a prosperous condition; and, indeed, its prosperity has always consisted in bloody persecution of, or slanderous reports against, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the members of his mystical body. But, perhaps, no age of the world surpasses the present in zeal, in untiring efforts and in numbers, for the upbuilding and extension of the kingdom of anti-Christ. But, "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's

good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." It is slanderously reported, and some affirm that those who preach the doctrine of sovereign grace do not preach the doctrine of repentance, nor exhort sinners to flee the wrath to come. But those who make the aforesaid charges, labor under an awful mistake, in supposing that it is the non-professing part of the community who are the greatest enemies to God, and to his people; and, therefore, should be addressed by the Ministers as such alone. Who did the apostles of old exhort to repent of their wicked ways? and against whom were the threatenings of Heaven made? Was it not the idolatrous Jews, but more especially their preachers? Of whom did John the Baptist speak, when he said, "O, generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee the wrath to come?" Was it non-professors? Unto whom was Jesus Christ preaching, when He said, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" Of whom did Christ say to his disciples "beware?" Was it publicans and sinners, and their pernicious practices, or rather, was it not those who "compassed sea and land to make one proselyte," and for pretence make long prayers, and devour widow's houses? If then the prophets of old, John the Baptist, and Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory were not mistaken, (and we firmly believe they were not,) then the old fashioned Baptist preachers are not far from being right, when they call upon the self-righteous to repent of their wicked course in teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, and warn them of the awful consequences of fighting against the sovereignty of Jehovah.

Dear brethren, we exhort you to contend earnestly for the truth, for error, like a flood, is spreading far and wide over our otherwise once happy land. Satan has long been mustering his wicked forces, and endeavoring to sow seeds of discord among the followers of Emanuel. The world also is inviting you to partake largely of its vanities, so that you may not find time to go to the house of God, nor feel engaged for the prosperity of Zion. Light is called darkness and darkness light, law is called gospel and the gospel law. The world is called the church of Christ, and the members of the church of Christ are called Antinomians. In the language of an apostle we would say, "Take unto you the whole armor of God." Yes, brethren, be certain that you are clad in the panoply of Heaven, and then go forth to the glorious war, for "One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight." "No weapon that is formed against

thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise in judgment against thee thou shalt condemn." Although Zion appears at present to be under a dark cloud, a long wintry season has overtaken her, and the enemies of the cross are saying unto her, "Where is thy God?" Yet, brethren, let us remember the admonition of the apostle Paul. "Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free," "for the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake, because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people." 1 Sam. 12th chap. 22d verse. How cheering the thought that Jesus Christ is the Captain of our salvation, and that He has gone before His feeble followers, and having met and conquered His and their foes, "forever sat down on the right hand of God, from henceforth expecting, till His enemies shall be made His foot-stool." Cheer up ye tempest-tossed and sin-burdened souls, for infinite and Almighty power, the blood of Jesus, the oath and promise of God, are engaged for your salvation from sin and the curse of the law, and for your safe arrival on Zion's bright summit. "Let not your hearts be troubled," "for I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Dear brethren, as we are not our own, but are bought with a price, and called with a holy calling, let us endeavor to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, by a godly conversation and an upright walk before the world, and by acting in a plain, honest and faithful manner among ourselves, and in the church of God.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen."

[WRITTEN BY R. N. GULLY.]

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MINUTES

OF THE

LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

CEDAR GROVE M. H., WAKE COUNTY, N. C.,

SEPTEMBER 27, 28 & 29, 1872.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder N. B. Barber, from Matt. vii: 13 and 14.

2 After a short recess, the brethren came together, and the Association was organized by appointing Eld. A. Partin, Moderator, and James Wilson, Clerk, who called to his assistance, James A. T. Jones.

3. Appointed brethren Jesse Brown and E. Stuart, a Committee of Finance.

4. Called for corresponding and visiting brethren from sister Associations; the following brethren being present, seated themselves: From Kehukee, Elders P. D. Gold and Russell Tucker; from Contentnea, Elder Allen Whitfield and a file of minutes; from Country Line, Eld. David R. Moore and brethren Green Blalock, Isaac Kenneday, James Monk; and Fendwick Ellis and Blount Green, visitants; from White Oak, J. W. Brown, James Cavenaugh and brother Riley Jones; received a file of minutes from Mayo and Staunton River Associations.

5. Letters from the churches composing this Association were called for, handed in, and their contents noted in the table of churches. [See Table.]

6. Proceeded to appoint corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows: To Country Line, Elder A. Partin and brethren E. Stuart, William Williams and Wm. T. Hines; to Kehukee, Eld. J. B. Parker and Joseph E. Adams; to Mill Branch, Eld. James Wilson, with 20 copies of these minutes; to Contentnea, Eld. J. B. Parker, brethren J. E. Adams and D. A. Coats; to White Oak, Eld. Wm C. Godwin.

7. Brethren appointed to correspond with sister Asso-

tions called on to report. The brethren generally attended, and those who did not, were excused.

8. Appointed Wm. C. Godwin to write a corresponding letter to Kehukee.

9. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Clement Meeting House, Johnston County, N. C., (about ten miles from Selma, on the N. C. R. R.,) to commence on Friday before the last Sunday in September, 1873; Elder J. B. Parker to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder F. H. Godwin, his alternate; worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning. Praise and benediction by Elder James Cavenaugh.

SATURDAY MORNING, *September 28th*, 1872.

Met according to adjournment, praise and prayer by Eld. A. Whitfield. Called for corresponding letter, letter handed in, read and approved. Again called for corresponding and visiting brethren—no more present.

11. The Committee of Finance called on to report:

Received from the churches this year, -		$30 25
Balance from last year, - - - - -		6 82
Making, - - - - - - -		$37 07
Report received and committee discharged.		
Paid for printing these minutes, -	$ 7 00	
Paid Clerk for services, - - -	12 00	
		$19 00
Leaving a balance of - - - -		$18 07

12. Appointed J. Wilson to transcribe and superintend the printing of these minutes, have eight hundred and thirty copies printed, distribute them as best he can, enter them on our record, send 45 to Kehukee; to Country Line, 30; to Contentnea, 38; to White Oak, 28; to Abbott's Creek, 20; to Fisher's River, 20; to Staunton River, 20; to Mayo, 20; and that he be allowed $12 for his services.

13. Proceeded to appoint preachers to occupy the stand to-morrow, as follows: Elders P. D. Gold, D. R. Moore, James Cavenaugh and J. W. Brown.

Agreed that the postage on the minutes be paid out of the money in the hands of our Clerk.

Adjourned; praise and prayer by Elder B. Temple.

A. PARTIN, *Moderator*.

J. WILSON, *Clerk*.

SUNDAY MORNING, *September 29th*, 1872.

The brethren appointed to occupy the stand to-day attended.

Eld. Cavenaugh introduced the service and preached from Eph. ii: 4 and 5: "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)."

Elder Moore preached from Gal. ii: 20. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Elder Gold preached from Philippians i: 27: "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent: I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one Spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel."

Elder Brown closed from Matt. v: 3: "Blessed are the poor in Spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

We hope a divine blessing may attend the faithful labours of the day.

Names of ministers belonging to our Association, with their post office address. Those ordained, in SMALL CAPS; those not, in *italic*.

BURWELL TEMPLE,	Raleigh,	North	Carolina.
JAMES WILSON,	"	"	"
ALDRIDGE PARTIN,	Myatt's Mills,	"	"
F. H. GODWIN,	" "	"	"
N. B. BARBER,	Smithfield,	"	"
J. B. PARKER,	Hinnant's Mills,	"	"
J. H. SASSER,	Nahunta,	"	"
Josiah Johnson,	"	"	"
MOORE STEPHENSON,	Leachburg,	"	"
WM. C. GODWIN,	Newton Grove,	"	"
WILLIAMS BROWN,	Boon Hill,	"	"
JAMES W. LEE,	Blackman's Mills,	"	"
Josias Lee,	" "	"	"
Major Surles,	Smithfield,	"	"
Samuel Brady,	Boon Hill,	"	"
J. E. Adams,	Barclaysville,	"	"
David A. Coats,	Smithfield,	"	"

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Restored.	Rec'd by letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Number.	Amount.
Salem,	Johnston,	William Hilliard,	1		..	.	..	1	23	$2 00
Beulah,	"	Jesse Brown, Robert Hatcher,	..	1	..	.	..	2	57	2 60
Hannah's Creek,	"	N. B. Barber,	6	..	..	..	..	2	43	1 50
Reedy Prong,	"	Burnice Wood,	9	1	2	2	..		46	1 85
Cross Roads,	"	Not Represented,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
Fellowship,	"	J. E. Adams,	1	..	..	..	..	.	10	80
Union,	"	Letter and Contribution,	5	.	..	..	1	2	9	2 20
Sandy Grove,	"	A. Fish, F. M. Stephenson, J. C. Williams,	10	..	1	..	..	.	19	1 60
Juniper,	"	J. B. Parker, R Massengill, N. R. Parker,	1	..	..	2	..	.	35	2 60
Contentnea,	Wilson,	Wm. Ellis, L. P. Williamson, T. T. Lamm,	10	..	2	7	..	.	27	1 00
Middle Creek,	Wake,	J. Wilson, J. Jones. J. Parrish, Wm. Woodall.	6	..	.	.	..	1	25	2 00
Cedar Grove,	"	Wm. T. Hines, M. E. Pearce, P. M. Mangum.	..	..	..	..	.	1	19	1 90
Willow Spring,	"	Alfred Smith, Wm. Williams,	3	.	..	..	..	.	27	2 25
Bethel,	"	Cabert Powell,	..	.	..	.	.	.	8	25
Neuse,	"	R. F. Temple,	2	.	..	.	..	.	60	1 50
Black River,	Harnett,	Letter and Contribution,	1	..	..	..	1	..	12	50
New Hope,	"	Stephen Williams. E. Stuart,	..	..	..	..	..	.	12	50
Seven Miles,	Sampson,	Noel Jones, Wm. C. Godwin,	7	..	.	..	.	..	28	2 00
Mingo,	"	David A. Coats,	1	..	..	.	..	.	15	1 10
Hornet,	"	Letter and Contribution,	2	..	.	..	.	..	7	50
Rehoboth,	Johnston,	Larkin Barber,	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	1 20
Clement,	"	J. O. Lassiter, S. B. Lassiter,	1	..	.	..	..	..	15	1 00
*Healthy Plains,	Wilson,	A. Thompson, Bennett Bullock,	..	.	..	..	..	..	6	60

* This Church was received into the Association this year.

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Minutes

—OF THE—

LITTLE RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATON.

Held with the Church at Black River Meeting House, Sep. 28, 29, 30, 1877.

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1ST. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder James Wilson, from Eph. 2 : 9 : "Not of works, lest any man should boast."

2ND. After a short recess the brethren came together, and, after praise and prayer by Elder James S. Dameron, the Association was organized by appointing Elder A. Partin, Moderator, and J. Wilson, Clerk, who called to his assistance, J. A. T. Jones.

3RD. Appointed brethren Hiram Hatcher and J. G. Woodall a committee of finance.

4TH. Called for corresponding and visiting brethren from sister Associations. The following brethren being present seated themselves : from Contentnea, Elders S. Pate and I. J. Taylor; from Country Line, Elder J. S. Dameron; from White Oak, Elders B. H. Wooten, Isaac Jones; from Abbott's Creek Union, J. H. Boroughs, with file of Minutes; from Kehukee, Elder J. E. Adams; from Mill Branch,————————; from Black Creek, Elder J. D. Scott and Jonas Lamm.

5TH. Letters from the Churches composing this Association called for, handed in, read, and their contents noted in the table of Churches. (See Table.)

6TH. Proceeded to appoint corresponding brethren to sister Associations : To Country Line, to be held at Dutchville, Granville Co., N. C., to commence on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1878, H. A Lowry, E. Stewart, P. M. Mangum and Jesse Brown; to White Oak, to be held at Newport, Carteret Co., N. C., to commence on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1877, Elder J. A. T. Jones; to Contentnea, Jesse Brown, Elder H. F. Peedin; to Kehukee, H. A. Lowry; to Black Creek, Elders H. F. Peedin, J. Wilson, S. H. Brady, and brethren Z. Langdon, H. Hatcher, Justus Parrish

and Jesse Brown; to Abbott's Creek Union, by Minutes; to Mill Branch, by Minutes.

Agreed to correspond with Mayo, Fisher's River, Staunton River and South Carolina Primitive Baptist Associations, by Minutes.

7TH. Brethren appointed to correspond with sister Associations were called on to report: some attended, and those who did not were excused. Adjournment. Benediction by Elder S. Pate.

SATURDAY, Sept. 29th.

8TH. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Bethany M. H., Johnson County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the last Sunday in Sept., 1878, and that Elder A. Partin preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. B. Parker, his alternate, worship at 11 o'clock.

Elder I. J. Taylor preached from Song of Solomon 4 : 12. Elder I. Jones, from Luke 9 : 60. Elder B. H. Wooten preached from Gen. 1 : 3 and Rev. 21 : 25. Elder S. Pate preached from Ps. 48 : 14; and Elder J. Cavanaugh from Eph. 1 : 4, 5.

Again called for corresponding and visiting brethren.

9TH. The committee of finance called on to report. Committee reported. Received from the churches $34.45.

Balance on hand from last year $8.56

Making		$43.01
Paid for printing these minutes	$12.00	
Paid Clerk for services	$12.00	
Leaving a balance of		$19.01

$15 of this to be distributed among the visiting ministers.

10TH. Appointed Elder J. Wilson to transcribe and superintend the printing of these Minutes, having 1,030 printed and distribute them as best he can, enter them on our record, send 50 to Kehukee, 35 to Country Line, 40 to Contentnea, 30 to White Oak, 20 to Abbott's Creek, 20 to Fisher's River, 20 to Staunton River, to Mayo 20, to Mill Branch 20, to S. C. Association 20, to Black Creek 10, and that he be allowed $12 for his services.

11TH. Appointed preachers to occupy the stand to-mor-

row as follows: Elders L. I. Bodenhamer, P. D. Gold, J. S. Dameron and A. Davis.

The Association then adjourned.

SEPTEMBER 30th.

The following named brethren preached: Eld. A. Davis from 2nd Cor. 5: 20, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God;" Elder J. S. Dameron from 1st John 1: 5-7, "This then is the messsage which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth;" &c. Elder P. D. Gold from Rom. 5: 14, "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come."

CHURCHES.	No. of Minutes.	POST OFFICES.	Care of	NAMES.
Beulah	80	Selma	"	Jesse Brown.
Bethany	30	Pine Level	"	Jesse Creech.
Bethel	10	Raleigh	"	Cabot Powell.
Black River	35	Gibbs' ⋈ Roads	"	M. Parrish.
Clement	20	Smithfield	"	J. O. Lassiter.
Cedar Grove	25	Forrestville	"	P. M. Mangum.
Elizabeth	25	Little River Academy	"	S. R. Surles.
Fellowship	25	Smithfield	"	Elder M. Stephenson.
Hannah's Creek	35	Elevation	"	J. G. Woodall.
Harnet	20	Blackman's Mills	"	Noel Jones.
Hickory Grove	25	Peacock's ⋈ Roads	"	J. B. Peacock.
Juniper	30	Smithfield	"	R. Massengill.
Middle Creek	40	Banks'	"	Elder J. Wilson.
Mingo	25	Joyner's Mills	"	W. Williford.
Neuse	30	Raleigh	"	J. H. Poole.
New Hope	25	Barcleyville	"	E. Stewart.
Reedy Prong	45	Blackman's Mills	"	Whitfield Tart.
Rehoboth	30	Elevation	"	L. Barbour.
Salem	30	Clayton	"	W. B. Wall.
Sandy Grove	30	Myatt's Mills	"	Joseph Dupree.
Seven Miles	35	Blackman's Mills	"	Noel Jones.
Smithfield	25	Smithfield	"	Seth Woodall.
Union	45	Princeton	"	J. R. Thompson.
Willow Spring	25	Myatt's Mills	"	W. A. Myatt.

TABLE OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	DELEGATES.	Baptized	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Fellowship	Contribution
Beulah	Johnson	‡Jesse Brown, Hiram Hatcher, I. Brown	5	...	...	...	1	1	86	$ 2 00
Bethany	"	Jesse Creech, *H. F. Peedin	1	...	1	...	3	...	29	1 00
Bethel	Wake	Cabot Powell	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	30
Black River	Harnett	J. C. Surles, A. B. Godwin	9	...	...	...	...	...	38	2 00
Clement	Johnson	S. B. Lassiter, M. Dixon	1	...	...	...	...	1	17	75
Cedar Grove	Wake	H. A. Lowry, P. M. Mangum	...	...	...	...	1	...	20	1 75
Elizabeth	Cumberland	S. R. Surles	3	1	...	...	...	...	21	1 25
Fellowship	Johnson	Z. Langdon, A. Stephenson, *M. Stephenson	3	...	...	...	...	...	14	50
Hannah's Creek	"	J. G. Woodall, Meritt Woodall	10	...	...	...	...	4	33	1 00
Harnet	Samson	G. W. Tew, G. W. Naylor	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	50
Hickory Grove	Johnson	J. B. Peacock, H. M. Johnston	...	...	...	...	1	...	13	60
Juniper	"	R. Massengill, L. P. Adams, N. R. Parker	...	...	...	...	...	1	28	1 00
Middle Creek	Wake	*J. Wilson, J. Parrish, *J. A. T. Jones	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	2 50
Mingo	Samson	Seth Starling	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	1 00
Neuse	Wake	J. H. Pool	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	1 00
New Hope	Harnett	J. T. Coats, E. Stewart	4	...	...	...	...	...	17	5 05
Reedy Prong	Johnson	Wm. Tart, Whitfield Tart	4	...	...	1	...	...	44	2 00
Rehoboth	"	W. H. Jones, Larkin Barber	...	1	...	...	...	1	26	75
Salem	"	William Wall	...	...	...	...	...	1	25	1 00
Sandy Grove	"	Joseph Dupree	1	...	1	...	...	...	28	75
Seven Miles	Samson	Noel Jones	1	1	...	2	...	1	29	1 50
Smithfield	Johnson	B. B. Hamilton, N. G. Massey	1	...	...	...	...	...	18	3 25
Union	"	J. R. Thompson, B. C. Woodard	2	...	1	...	14	3	68	75
Willow Spring	Wake	*A Partin, W. B. Temple	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	2 25
NOTE.—Ordained Ministers marked * Licentiates ‡. Total,			45	3	3	3	20	12	685	$34 45

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

LITTLE RIVER

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

THE CHURCH AT CEDAR GROVE, M. H.,

WAKE COUNTY, N. C.,

SEPTEMBER 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1887.

HERALD PRINTING HOUSE, SMITHFIELD, N. C.
1887.

PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J. A. T. Jones, from Matt., 28th chap., 18th, 19th and 20th verses: "And Jesus came, and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world, Amen."

2nd. After a short recess the brethren came together, and after praise and prayer by Elder Jno. D. Scott, the Association was organized, by appointing Bro. Seth Woodall, Moderator, and Eld. J. A. T. Jones, Clerk, who called to his assistance, Bro. B. A. Woodall.

3rd. Appointed Brethren S. R. Surles and W. A. Penny a committee on Finance.

4th. Called for corresponding and visiting Brethren from Sister Associations:

From Country Line:—Elder S. P. Terry, D. R. Moore, Messengers; and Elder T. Y. Monk, and Brethren H. Farthing, M. H. Suit, Wm. Farthing, S. D. Coley, C. C. Wheeler, J. M. Beck, John Hall, (Visitors).

From White Oak:—Elder Isaac Jones, Messenger, and Elder B. H. Wooten, Visitor. A file of minutes.

From Abbott's Creek Union:—Brother T. C. Beal, Messenger.

From Kehukee:—A file of minutes.

From Mill Branch:—Elder D. N. Gore, Messenger.

From Black Creek:—Elders J. D. Scott, Joseph Edwards, and Bro. J. H. Creech. Messengers, also Eld. P. D. Gold and Bro. Wm. Massey, Visitors. A file of minutes.

From Contentnea:—Elders T. B. Lancaster and W. B. Williams, Messengers, and Elder Jno. R. Roberts (Visitor). A file of minutes.

From Mayo;—A file of minutes.

From Staunton River:—Not represented.

From Fisher's River:—Not represented.

From South Carolina P. B. Association:—Not represented.

From Seven Mile:—Bro. W. P. Phillips, Messenger, also Eld. B. Wood and Bro. Josiah Eldridge, Visitors.

From Lower Canooche Association (Ga):—Elder M. F. Stubbs, (Visitor).

5th. Letters from the churches composing this Association, called for, handed in, read, and their contents noted *in the Statistical Table.* (*See Table.*)

6th. Called for petitionary letters; none presented.

7th. Proceeded to appoint corresponding brethren to Sister Associations.

To Kehukee:—Bro. Seth Woodall. A file of minutes.

To Country Line:—Eld. J. A. T. Jones and Brethren E. E. Barbour, J. C. Williams, John Stephenson, Joseph Dupree, R. S. Ryals, W. A. Pearee, R. H. Creech and G. W. Johnson. A file of minutes.

To Contentnea:—Eld. S. H. Braddy, and Brethren Seth Woodall, and J. R.

Thompson. A file of minutes, also Bro. J. H. Adams.

To Mill Branch:—Elder J. T. Coats and Brethren J. P. Creech and J. H. Adams. A file of minutes.

To Black Creek:—Brethren R. S. Ryals, Jesse Creech, Z. Langdon, W. A. Penny, E. E. Barbour, Seth Woodall, Wm. Stewart, John Stephenson and G. W. Johnson. A file of minutes.

To Abbott's Creek Union:—Bro. Seth Woodall. A file of minutes.

To Mayo:—A file of minutes.

To Seven Mile:—Elders J. A. T. Jones and J. T. Coats and Brethren R. S. Ryals, S. R. Surles, R. H. Creech, A. P. Johnson. A file of minutes.

To White Oak:—Elder S. H. Braddy and Bro. J. W. Ryals. A file of minutes.

8th. Brethren appointed to correspond with Sister Associations, called on to report. The Brethren generally attended, and those who did not were excused.

9th. Agreed that the committee on Finance, take charge of the minutes from Sister Associations, and prepare them for proper distribution to the churches of this Association.

10th. Appointed preachers to preach to-morrow as follows: Elders D. R. Moore, Isaac Jones, T. B. Lancaster and Jno. R. Roberts.

11th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Hannah's Creek, M. H., Jonston County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the last Sunday in September 1888, and that Elder J. T. Coats preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Elder S. H. Braddy his alternate, worship to begin at 11 o'clock A. M.

12th. Elder Bernice Wood preached to day from 1st John, 3rd chap., 9th verse, "Whosoever is born of God, doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

13th. Adjourned until Saturday morning 10 o'clock A. M. Benediction by Elder M. F. Stubbs.

SATURDAY MORNING.

14th. Met according to adjournment, praise and prayer by Elder M. F. Stubbs.

15th. Again called for corresponding and visiting Brethren. No more present.

16th. The Committee on Finance called on to report, The Committee reported:

Received from the Churches this year	$29 45.	
Balance from last year	2.00	
Total		$31.45.

Report received and Committee discharged.

Paid for printing these minutes and postage	$10.00.	
Paid Clerk for services	12 00.	
Distributed to Visiting Ministers and Brethren	9.45.	
Leaving a balance of		$00.00.

17th. Appointed Elder J. A. T. Jones to transcribe and superintend the printing of these minutes, have 1,000 copies printed, and distribute them as best he can, and enter them on our record; send 50 copies to Kehukee; 35 to Country Line; 40 to Contentnea; 30 to White Oak; 20 to Abbott's Creek; 20 to Fisher's River; 20 to

Staunton River, 20 to Mayo; 20 to Mill Branch; 20 to South Carolina P. B. Association; 20 to Black Creek; 20 to Seven Mile; and that he be allowed $12.00 for his services.

18th. Appointed preachers to preach to-morrow, as follows: Elders, P. D. Gold, D. N. Gore, M. F. Stubbs.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Elder T. B. Lancaster introduced the services of the day and preached from Isaiah 52nd chap., 1st verse. "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumsized and the unclean." Elder Isaac Jones preached from St. John 6th chap., 44th verse, "No man can come unto me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Elder D. R. Moore preached from Phil., 4th chap., 19th verse, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Elder B. H. Wooten closed the services of the day in some very appropriate remarks.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The services of the day was opened by Eld. P. D. Gold, who preached from Col., 1st chap., 27th verse. "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystry among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Elder D. N. Gore, preached from, Phil., 2nd chap 12th and 13th verses, "Wherefore my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Elder M. F. Stubbbs concluded the services of the day and preached from Acts, 8th Chap, latter clause of the 30th verse and first clause of the 31st verse. "Understandest thou what thou readest. And he said how can I, except some man should guide me?" Benediction by Elder D. R. Moore.

The audience during the Association, was not so large as usual, but quite attentive; The ministering brethren, who preached, seemed to have the presence of the spirit, and consequently spoke to the comfort of the Christians; We hope a Divine blessing may follow.

SETH WOODALL, Moderator.

J. A. T. JONES, Clerk.
B. A. WOODALL, Asst Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

CHURCHES.	No. of Min.	POST OFFICE.	CARE OF
Bethany	25	Pine Level	Jesse Creech.
Clement	25	Spilona	W. H. Lassiter
Cedar Grove	25	Pernell	W. T. Hines.
Elizabeth	15	Little River Academy	S. R. Surles.
Fellowship	35	Bisemark	Z. Langdon.
Hannah's Creek	55	Benson	Ransom Ryals.
Hickory Grove	25	Rome	H. M. Johnson.
Juniper	40	Beasly Hill	Eld. J. B. Parker.
Middle Creek	45	Gulley's Mill	R. Gulley.
Neuse	35	Temple	R. F. Temple.
New Hope	20	Troyville	Eld. J. T. Coats.
Oak Grove	15	Raleigh	A. H. Temple.
Rehoboth	30	Elevation	E. E. Barbour.
Raleigh	15	Raleigh	A. H. Temple.
Salem	40	Archer Lodge	Wm. Hilliard.
Sandy Grove	35	Myatts Mills	J. Dupree.
Smithfield	45	Smithfield	B. A. Woodall.
Union	50	Princeton	J. R. Thompson.
Willow Spring	30	Myatt's Mill	W. A. Myatt.

Names of Ministers Belonging to the Little River Primitive Baptist Association with P. O Address:

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
James Wilson	Gulley's Mill	Wake	North Carolina
J. B. Parker	Smithfield	Johnston	" "
Moore Stephenson	Bisemark	Johnston	" "
S. H. Braddy	Princeton	Johnston	" "
J. A. T. Jones	Gulley's Mill	Wake	" "
L. P. Adams	Smithfield	Johnston	" "
J. T. Coats	Troyville	Harnett	" "
Jno. Batten*	Pine Level	Johnston	" "
G. B. Powell*	Pernell	Wake	" "

Licentiates marked thus *

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Contributions.
										$
Bethany	Johnston	Jesse Creech, John Batten	2	0	0	0	0	3	31	1.50
Clement	Johnston	W. H. Lassiter, Moses Adams	2	1	0	0	0	1	18	1.50
Cedar Grove	Wake	J. B. Lowry, W. A. Pearce, W. J. Lowry	1	0	0	0	0	1	21	1.70
Elizabeth	Cumberland	S. R Surles	0	0	1	0	5	1	10	1.00
Fellowship	Johnston	John Stephenson, Z. Langdon	5	0	1	0	1	0	30	1.50
Hannah's Creek	Johnston	J. W. Ryals, R. H. Creech, K. H. Parker	0	0	0	1	0	2	43	2.00
Hickory Grove	Johnston	A. P. Johnson, W. B. Tart	0	0	6	0	1	1	9	1.50
Juniper	Johnston	Eld. L. P. Adams, N. R. Parker, J. H. Adams	1	0	0	0	0	1	26	1.50
Middle Creek	Wake	Elders J. Wilson, J. A. T. Jones, Bro. W. B. Godwin	4	0	0	0	1	0	34	2.75
Neuse	Wake	J. A. Temple, K Stephenson	4	0	0	0	0	0	30	1.00
New Hope	Harnett	Eld. J. T Coats, R. Matthews, E. Stewart	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	1 00
Oak Grove	Wake	Eld. James Wilson	0	1	0	0	0	1	7	.50
Behoboth	Johnston	E. E. Barbour, W. H. Jones, N. Stephenson	6	0	0	0	0	0	27	1.50
Raleigh	Wake	A. H. Temple, Cabot Powell	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1.00
Salem	Johnston	A. F. Whitley, S. E. Boyett	1	0	0	0	0	0	31	2.00
Sandy Grove	Johnston	Joseph Dupree, J. C Williams	0	0	0	1	0	0	23	1.50
Smithfield	Johnston	Seth Woodall, B. A. Woodall	4	0	0	1	1	1	37	2 00
Union	Johnston	Eld. S. H. Braddy, J. R. Thompson, J. P. Creech	2	0	0	0	1	2	52	2.00
Willow Spring	Wake	R. C. Temple, W. B. Temple, J. E. Fish	2	0	0	1	0	2	21	2.00
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MINUTES

OF THE

LITTLE RIVER

Primitive Baptist Association.

HELD WITH THE

Church at Willow Spring Meeting House,

WAKE COUNTY, N. C.,

SEPTEMBER 27th, 28th and 29th, 1889.

Printed at Landmark Book and Job Office,
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PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder James Wilson, from Acts, 13th chapter and 38th verse: "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins," &c.

2nd. After a short recess the brethren came together, and after praise and prayer by Elder L. I. Bodenhammer the Association was organized by appointing Elder J. T. Coats, Moderator, and J. A. T. Jones Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother J. M. Morgan.

3rd. Appointed Brethren G. W. Johnson and N. E. Allen a committee on Finance.

4th. Called for corresponding and visiting brethren from sister Associations:

From Country Line—Elders James S. Dameron, F. L. Oakley and W. C. Jones.

From White Oak—Elder James Cavenaugh and Brother M. W. Brown, Messengers, and Elder Isaac Jones visitor. A file of Minutes.

From Kehukee—A file of Minutes.

From Abbott's Creek Union—A file of Minutes.

From Mill Branch—Not represented.

From Black Creek—Brethren Bunyan Smith and S. D. Boykin Messengers, and Elders P. D. Gold and Joseph Edwards; Brethren Calvin Atkinson and C. Hooks (visitors), also a file of Minutes.

From Contentnea—Elders W. B. Williams, T. B. Lancaster and Jesse Brown, Messengers, and Elder John R. Roberts (visitor), also a file of Minutes.

From Mayo—Elder L. I. Bodenhamer (visitor), also a file of Minutes.

From Staunton River—A file of Minutes.

From Fisher's River—A file of Minutes.

From S. C. P. B. Association—A file of Minutes.

From Seven Mile—Brethren Josiah Eldridge and Andrew Tart.

From Toisnot—Elder D. A. Mewborn, also a file of Minutes.

From Eno—Brethren Hargis Farthing and Page Warren.

5th. Agreed that the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings be recorded in the Minutes.

6th. Agreed to open correspondence with the Eno Association.

7th. Agreed that the letter from Bethany Church be returned to said church.

8th. By request of Cedar Grove Church she was dismissed from this Association to join the Eno Association.

9th. Letters from the churches composing this Association called for, handed in, read and their contents noted in the Statistical Table (see table).

10th. Called for petitionary letters, when two were received, one from Bethel, Harnett county, N. C., one from Little Creek, Johnston county; both received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the Messengers by the Moderator.

11th. Proceeded to appoint corresponding Brethren to sister Associations:

To Kehukee—A file of Minutes.

To Country Line—Elders J. E. Adams and J. B. Parker and Brother Wm. Stewart, a file of Minutes.

To Contentnea—A file of Minutes.

To Mill Branch—Elder J. T. Coats and Brother James Creech, also a file of Minutes.

To Black Creek—Elders G. B. Powell and S. H. Braddy, and Brethren J. R. Thompson and Jos. Dupree, also a file of Minutes.

To Abbott's Creek Union—A file of Minutes.

To S. C. P. B. Association—Elder J. T. Coats, also a file Minutes.

To Mayo—A file of Minutes.

To Seven Mile—Elders J. E. Adams, J. A. T. Jones, S. H. Braddy and Brethren John Stephenson and E. E. Barbour. A file of Minutes.

To White Oak—Brother M. W. Denning. A file of Minutes.

To Toisnot—Brother W. J. Stephenson. A file of Minutes.

To Eno—Elder J. E. Adams and Brethren G. W. Johnson, J. K. Stewart, J. B. Hardie, John Stephenson and J. R. Young.

12th. Brethren appointed to correspond with Sister Associations called on to report; the brethren generally attended and those who did not were excused.

13th. Agreed that the Committee on Finance take charge of the Minutes from the sister Associations, and prepare them for proper distribution to the churches of this Association.

14th. Appointed preachers to preach to-morrow, as follows: Elders D. A. Mewborn, F. L. Oakley, W. B. Williams and P. D. Gold.

15th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Clement, Johnston county, N. C., and to commence on Friday before the last Sabbath in September, 1890, and that Elder L. P. Adams preach the introductory sermon, and Elder

J. T. Coats be his alternate; worship to begin at 11 o'clock a. m.

The following brethren preached to-day: Elders J. R. Roberts and James Cavenaugh.

Adjourned until Saturday morning 10 o'clock a. m. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING.

16th. Met according to adjournment, praise and prayer by Elder James Cavenaugh.

17th. Again called for corresponding and visiting brethren, when Brethren Calvin Atkinson and C. Hooks came forward and took seats with us.

18th. The Committee on Finance called on to report; the Committee reported:

Received from the Churches	$30.60
Already in hands of Clerk	——
Total	$30.60

Report received and Committee discharged.

Paid for printing Minutes and postage	$10.00
Paid Clerk for service	12.00
Distributing to visiting Ministers	8.60
Leaving a balance of	

19th. Appointed Elder J. A. T. Jones to transcribe and superintend the printing of these Minutes, have 1062 copies printed, and distribute them as best he can; enter them on our record; send 50 copies to Kehukee, 35 to Country Line, 40 to Contentnea, 30 to White Oak, 20 to Abbott's Creek, 20 to Fishers River, 20 to Staunton River, 20 to Mayo, 20 to Mill Branch, 25 to S. C. P. B. Association, 20 to Black Creek, 20 to Seven Mile, 15 to Toisnot, 20 to Eno, and that he be allowed $12 for his service.

20th. Appointed preachers to preach to-morrow: Elders Jas. S. Dameron, T. B. Lancaster, Isaac Jones and L. I. Bodenhamer.

21st. Then agreed that this Association extend thanks to the brethren and friends of the surrounding community for their hospitality in supporting the Association.

Then adjourned until Sunday morning 10 o'clock a. m. Praise and prayer by Elder T. B. Lancaster.

The following Elders preached to-day: Elder D. A. Mewborn from 2nd Cor. 3rd chapter and 17th verse: "Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Elder F. L. Oakley preached from 1st Cor. 1st chapter and

31st verse: "That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." Elder W. B. Williams preached from 127th Psalm and 1st verse: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Elder P. D. Gold preached from 5th chapter of Gal. and 6th verse: "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith which worketh by love."

SUNDAY MORNING.

The services of the day were opened by Elder J. S. Dameron, who preached from Matt. 10th chapter and 16th verse: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Elder T. B. Lancaster preached from Heb. 2nd chapter, 1st, 2nd and 3rd verses: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great Salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." Elder Isaac Jones preached from Matt. 5th chapter and fourth verse, "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted."

Elder L. I. Bodenhamer closed the services of the day, and preached from John 17th chapter and 24th verse, "Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." The congregation was very large, and unusually attentive. The preaching seemed to be in demonstration of the Spirit, and with power, and much to the comfort of the brethren. We hope the blessings of the Lord may follow.

ELDER J. T. COATS, Moderator.

J. A. T. JONES, Clerk.

J. M. MORGAN, Ass't Clerk.

Times and Places of Holding Quarterly Meetings, with Pastors' Names Attached.

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.	Sunday and Sat'day before	
L. P. Adams.....	Clement	2nd	in March, June, September, Decem.
G. B. Powell	Cedar Grove	1st	in February, May, August, Novem.
.....	Elizabeth	1st	in March, June, September, Decem.
Moore Stevenson	Fellowship.....	1st	in February, May, August, Novem.
J. B. Parker.....	Hannah's Creek.	3rd	in February, May, August, Novem.
J. B. Parker.....	Hickory Grove...	2nd	in Jan., April, July, October.
J. B. Parker.....	Juniper.....	1st	in March, June, September, Decem.
James Wilson.....	Middle Creek	2nd	in February, May, August, Novem.
J. R. Roberts.....	Neuse.....	3rd	in February, May, August, Novem.
J. T. Coats.....	New Hope.....	4th	in January, April, July, October.
G. B. Powell.....	Oak Grove	4th	in March, June, September, Decem.
J. B. Parker	Rehobot h.....	4th	in February, May, August, Novem.
J. D. Draughn ...	Raleigh.....	1st	in February, May, August, Novem.
J. A. T. Jones.....	Salem	3rd	in February, May, August, Novem.
J. T. Coats.....	Sandy Grove.....	3rd	in March, June, September, Decem.
J. A. T. Jones.....	Smithfield	1st	in January, April, July, October.
S. H. Braddy	Union	2nd	in March, June, September, Decem.
J. A. T. Jones.....	Willow Spring...	4th	in February, May, August, Novem.
J. E. Adams	Bethel	2nd	in March, June, September, Decem.
.....	Little Creek.....	.....	.....

Names of Ministers belonging to Little River Primitive Baptist Association, and their Post-Office Address.

James Wilson, Rand's Mill, Wake County, N. C.
J. B. Parker, Gift, Johnston County, N. C.
Moore Stephenson, Bismarck, Johnston County, N. C.
S. H. Braddy, Princeton, Johnston County, N. C.
J. A. T. Jones, Gulley's Mill, Wake County, N. C.
L. P. Adams, Four Oaks, Johnston County, N. C.
J. T. Coats, Troyville, Harnett County, N. C.
G. B. Powell, Pernell, Wake County, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions
Clement	Johnston	W. H. Lassiter, Willis A. Lassiter, Z. Stephenson	4	3	...	1	1	...	23	$1 59
Cedar Grove	Wake	Elder G. B. Powell, Bro. G. T. Powell	1	...	1	...	...	...	23	1 60
Elizabeth	Cumberland	S. R. Surles, I. J. Carter, H. Capps	...	...	...	12	...	...	8	1 25
Fellowship	Johnston	Amos Stephenson, J. H. Massingill, John Stephenson	3	...	1	6	1	...	31	1 25
Hannah's Creek	Johnston	N. E. Allen, G. W. Johnson, D. H. Surles	4	...	...	...	...	1	53	2 00
Hickory Grove	Johnston	H. M. Johnson, A. P. Johnson, W. B. Tart	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1 25
Juniper	Johnston	Elders J. B. Parker, L. P. Adams, Bro. G. W. Massingill	4	...	...	1	...	1	27	1 50
Middle Creek	Wake	Elds. J. Wilson, J. A. T. Jones, Breth. W. B. Godwin, Paschal Parrish	...	...	11	...	15	...	25	2 00
Neuse	Wake	J. A. Temple, J. P. Temple	1	1	...	...	...	...	33	1 00
New Hope	Harnett	Elder J. T. Coats, Brethren J. K. Stuart, R. Matthews	5	...	...	3	...	...	27	2 25
Oak Grove	Wake	J. R. Young, P. H. Wilson	5	3	...	...	...	...	15	1 00
Rehoboth	Johnston	J. M. Langdon, W. C. Lassiter	3	...	...	...	1	2	33	2 00
Raleigh	Wake	A. H. Temple, Cabot Powell	2	...	...	...	...	...	6	1 00
Salem	Johnston	A. F. Whitley, N. J. Whitley, H. H. Anderson	...	...	...	...	...	2	31	2 00
Sandy Grove	Johnston	Jos. Dupree, S. G. Collins, J. C. Williams	1	...	...	12	...	...	27	1 50
Smithfield	Johnston	W. J. Stephenson, Seth Woodall, J. M. Morgan	3	...	...	8	...	2	37	2 00
Union	Johnston	Elder S. H. Braddy, Brethren J. R. Thompson, B. C. Woodard	1	...	...	2	2	...	47	1 50
Willow Spring	Wake	W. B. Temple, J. E. Fish. W. E. Smith	...	...	...	...	...	1	32	2 00
Bethel	Harnett	Matthew Denning, Rufus Johnson, J.B. Hardie	3	5	...	...	1	...	13	1 00
Little Creek	Johnston	H. L. Dodd, J. A. Jones	2	8	...	...	...	...	10	1 00
		Totals	42	20	13	25	21	9	509	$30 60